

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement Applicants have elected Group II (claims 8-13).

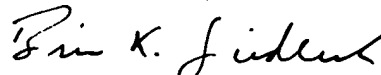
By the amendments above, Applicants have also amended claims 11, 12 and 13 to delete the multiple dependencies. The Examiner indicated at page 4 of the Office action, that claims 12-13 would be considered with Group II if recast in single dependent form. Accordingly, prompt favorable examination of the merits of claims 8-13 is solicited.

At page 2 of the Office action, the Examiner indicated that the application was incomplete and requested that Applicants resubmit several documents. During a telephone interview with Examiner Le on March 18, 2004, the Examiner clarified that his electronic version of the application was incomplete and requested that Applicants resubmit the following items: certified priority document (copy of first page); claim of priority; Information Disclosure Statement and Declaration. Attached hereto are the requested documents along with their respective stamped acknowledgment postcards. The appropriate fees were authorized at the time the above documents were filed.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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FUEL CELL AND GENERATING SYSTEM USING THEMSerial/Reg./Patent No. 10/078,534Date Sent: May 9, 2002 ☒ Hand Carried ☐ Fax ☐ Electronic ☐ Cert. of Mailing ☐ Express Mail No. _____☐ Transmittal LetterNew Patent App ☐ Utility ☐ Design ☐ Cont. ☐ CIP ☐ Div. ☐ PCT ☐ CPA ☐ RCE ☐ Prov☐ Other: _____

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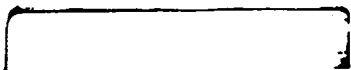
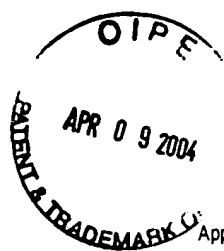
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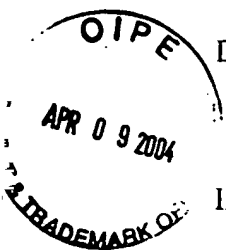
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.


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The relevance of each non-English language reference, if any, is discussed in the present specification.

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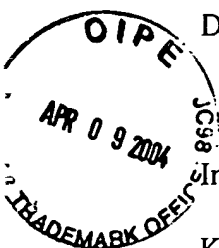
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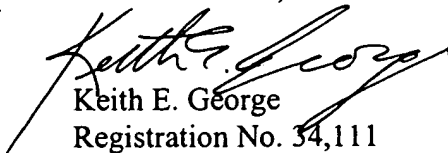
In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicants hereby claim the priority of:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-333605, filed August 31, 2001

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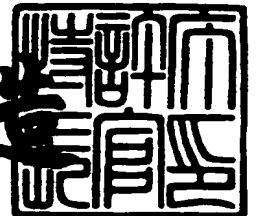
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